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Highlights

1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 217 police officers from advanced and specialized courses at the Baghdad Police College November 17.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

- Under Arab League and UN auspices, a range of Iraqi political factions held reconciliation talks in Cairo November 19-21. The final statement condemned terrorism against Iraqis and their institutions. The statement also called for a conditions based timeline for withdrawal of foreign fighters. Zarqawi immediately condemned the conference.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

- Since May 2004, nearly $33 million worth of equipment has been distributed to the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity (MOE) by the US Project & Contracting Office's (PCO) Electricity Sector through their non-construction program.

Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

- The US Embassy in Baghdad reported on November 21 that the Iraqi Council of Ministers approved the 2006 budget with changes. The budget and the draft petroleum law are both at the Transitional National Assembly, which must approve the budget before it adjourns on November 28 to meet IMF requirements for a Stand-By Arrangement.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

- On November 17, the US Embassy in Baghdad released a statement condemning the abuse of detainees at a Ministry of Interior detention facility.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

- Since October 8, 2004, NATO has delivered 77 T-72 tanks, 36 BMP armored personnel carriers, 26,000 light weapons, 200 rocket propelled guns, 10,000 helmets and more than 9.3 million rounds of ammunition to Iraq for use by the Iraqi Security Forces.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

- During an “Ask the White House” online interactive forum on November 18, David Satterfield, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Baghdad, stated the US priority in Iraq is to strengthen the capacity of

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Operation Steel Curtain:

- The Iraqi Ministry of Defense announced Operation Steel Curtain is nearing its final stage. This operation has resulted in over 130 insurgents killed and over 250 arrested and is a six-stage operation; the fifth stage started November 20. Stage One was gathering intelligence, Stage Two was establishing targets, Stage Three was assaulting the terrorists and cleaning Qusayba of insurgents and foreign fighters, Stage Four was to clean up Karabila and Rumana, Stage Five is to establish military bases for joint security forces and maintain security in the region and Stage Six is to have security responsibilities under Iraqi control.

Joint Missions Lead to Capture of Terrorists:

- Two joint missions between Iraqi and US forces resulted in the detainment of nine suspected terrorists in north-central Iraq on November 18. A patrol between Iraqi police officers and soldiers from the US 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team discovered a small cache of weapons and detained two men in Kirkuk November 18. Another joint mission between the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division and soldiers from the US 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team resulted in seven terrorists taken into

[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Police Graduate 217 From Advanced Training Courses:

- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 217 police officers from advanced and specialized courses at the Baghdad Police College November 17. The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 60 graduates, Advanced Criminal Investigations with 25 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 24 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 25 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 21 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 19 graduates, First Line Supervision with 14 graduates, Executive Leadership with 10 graduates and Counter-Terrorism Investigations with 19 graduates.

[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~74,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~37,400
TOTAL	~112,200*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~98,600
AIR FORCE	~200
NAVY	~700
TOTAL	~99,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~211,700

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Data as of November 16, 2005 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

Arab League Meeting:

- A diverse group of Iraqi politicians reached tentative agreement November 20 at an Arab League conference in Cairo that violence should stop, some detainees should be freed and US forces should gradually withdraw according to an unspecified, conditions based timeline. The conference also condemned terrorism. Zarqawi condemned the conference.

IECI Warns Against Arousing Sectarianism in Election Campaigns:

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) has asked parties and blocs not to give gifts, make donations or promote sectarian ideas in their electoral campaigns. Farid Ayar, the spokesperson for the IECI, said that any political entity or coalition taking part in the upcoming elections will be subject to legal questioning if it infuses ideas that call for arousing ethnic, religious, sectarian, tribal or regional sentiments into their campaigns. Ayar added that the ban includes the use of slogans, pictures, placards, graphic images, TV promotional advertisements or any other means that would arouse such sentiments.

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

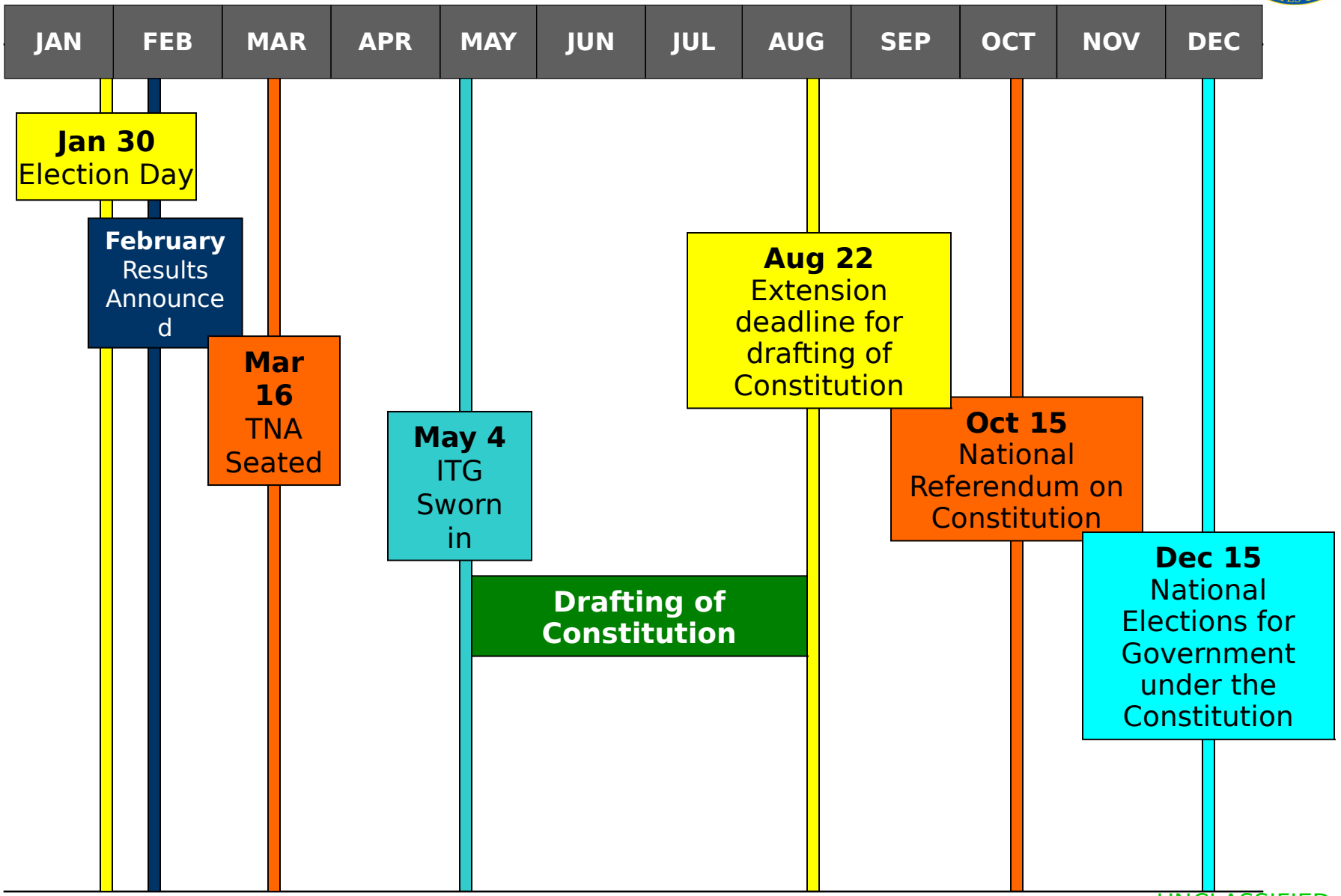
Election Monitors:

- On November 12, the Iraqi Election Information Network (EIN) issued a press release announcing its intention to deploy up to 15,000 election monitors for the December 15 elections. In the January elections and October referendum, EIN had deployed 8,134 and 9,474 trained monitors, respectively. To reach a fifty percent increase in the number of monitors, EIN will be training several hundred team leaders who will in-turn each train approximately 50 Iraqis on how to monitor elections based on international best-practices and EIN tested procedures.

Women's Multi-Party Caucus Make Their Statement Public:

- The multi-party women's caucus presented its joint statement at a press conference on November 12. The event marked months of joint discussions and advocacy work in support of women's rights in Iraq. The caucus statement, which was officially supported by 19 political parties, specifies rules that should be adhered to in order to reach minimum standards on how women should be treated within political parties.

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Electoral Process Timeline



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[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

President	Deputy President	Deputy President
Jalal Talabani	Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	‘Adil ‘Abd al-Mahdi

Prime Minister
Ibrahim al-Ja’fari

Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways	‘Abd Mutlak al-Juburi	Ahmad al-Chalabi	Vacant

Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ali al-Bahadili	Juwan Fu’ad Ma’sum (F)	Nuri al-Rawi	Sa’dun al-Dulaymi	Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Muhsin Shallash

Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Abdul Mun’im al-Falah Hasan	Narmin ‘Uthman (F)	‘Ali ‘Allawi	Hoshyar Zebari	Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay’i	Sami al-Muzaffar

Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Vacant	Usama al-Najafi	Bayan Jabr	‘Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Jasim Ja’far	Idris Hadi

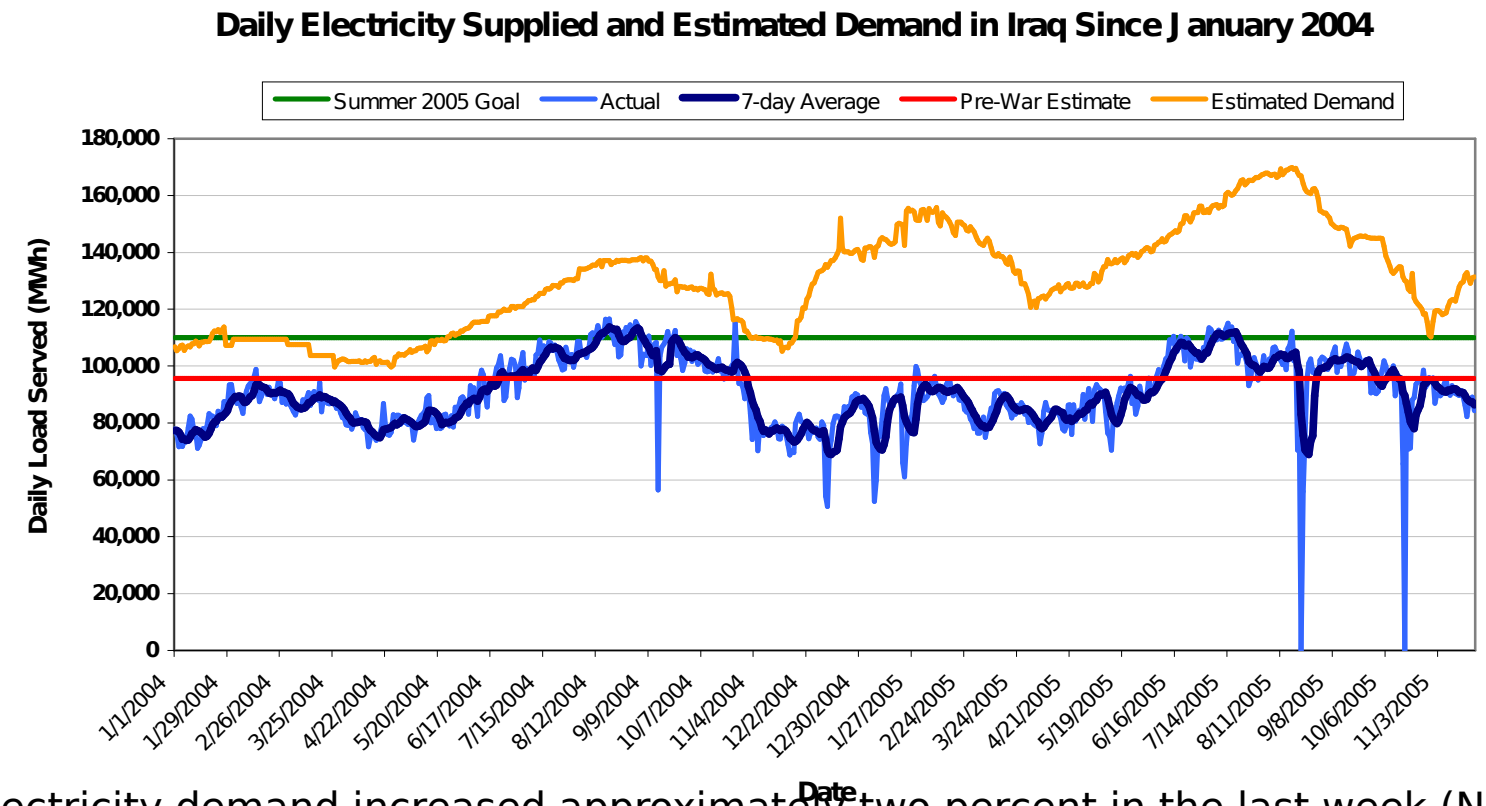
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Ibrahim Bahr al-’Ulum	Barham Salih	‘Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Basima Butrus (F)	Nasreen Berwari (F)	Salam al-Maliki

Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs
‘Abd al-Latif Rashid	Talib Aziz al-Zaini	‘Ala’ abib Kazim	Safa’ al-Din al-Safi	‘Abd al-Karim al-’Anzi

Minister of State for Provinces	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women’s Affairs
Sa’d al-Hardan	Hashim al-Hashimi	Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)

(F) = Female

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



- Electricity demand increased approximately two percent in the last week (November 15-21).
- Scheduled seasonal maintenance at power plants and an interdiction on a key transmission line impacted electricity supplies. The average daily electricity service for the week declined 4 percent to 87,400 MegaWatt (MW) hours.
- USAID completed repairs on a gas turbine, adding 55MW to the electricity grid.
- Baghdad average available electricity increased slightly to 8.7 hours per day. The

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity, Water and Sanitation

Electricity:

- Work began on an electricity project that will provide backup power for the Nasiriyah General Hospital. This $177,000 project in Thi Qar Province, will install a new 1,000 kilovolt generator, a concrete pad, a metal building and a 50,000 liter fuel tank. The project is scheduled for completion in February. There are a total of 30 electricity projects programmed in the Thi Qar Province, 26 of which are complete.

Water and Sanitation:

- The US Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing a number of water projects for 34 villages in the greater Mosul area. By the end of November, the last 10 of the 44 total wells are forecasted to be complete and 88,000 people will have access to these improved water systems.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Health Care, Telecommunication and Education

Health Care:

- The $19.3 million construction project on Ibn Al Baladi Hospital, a facility in southern Sadr City, Baghdad Province, currently stands at 52 percent complete and is scheduled to finish in February 2006. The hospital primarily provides health care to women and children. In addition, the Iraqi Ministry of Health has planned to construct a new annex to the hospital to use as a blood laboratory. The contract includes provisions to purchase new medical equipment following the completion of construction. The renovation of Ibn Al Baladi Hospital is part of an overall effort to improve health care facilities in Baghdad that also includes five Primary Healthcare Centers being built across Sadr City._

Telecommunications:

- Construction is 99 percent complete on a $5.2 million communications facility in Karadah, Baghdad Province. This project started in December 2004 and is awaiting final inspection prior to turnover to Iraq's telecom regulator, the National Communications and Media Commission. This facility will offer training and conference rooms, and functional areas such as: press, operations, regulatory affairs, licensing, mass media, advisory and management units. At present, 26 of 35 transportation and communication projects programmed in Baghdad Province are complete.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Education and Transportation

Education:

- Over 1,000 students in five organizations developed and voted on projects for Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI) grants. In coordination with a local non-governmental organization (NGO), ITI is working to empower students to harness their innovative abilities and develop a strong, organized voice. Efforts have focused on providing students with hands-on experience with democracy. Each student group proposed and voted on project ideas. The decisions, therefore, reflected a group consensus rather than an imposed mandate. Most importantly, after the top priority had been chosen, the students' demands were met promptly. In most cases, students requested computers and accompanying furniture. As a result of these ITI grants, over 1,000 university students directly experienced the positive potential of working together as a democracy.

Transportation:

- A $440,000 road project in Basrah Province, directly contracted to an Iraqi firm, improved and paved a winding dirt road in a congested neighborhood. The local community of 25,000 residents now benefits from a safer, more reliable, paved road for access to schools and other community services.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

$Millions	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5017.6000	5017.6	4,960.2	4,958.4	(1.79)	4,701.9	4,700.4	(1.40)	3,920.1	3,941.1	21.0
Electricity Sector	4314.8168	4067.2	3,786.8	3,788.7	1.87	2,926.6	2,929.9	3.30	1,689.3	1,697.6	8.3
Oil Infrastructure	1723.0000	1723.0	1,674.3	1,674.3	(0.06)	1,396.7	1,398.6	1.92	577.4	593.3	15.8
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247.1840	1247.2	1,178.5	1,178.2	(0.30)	1,070.9	1,075.8	4.94	613.8	638.1	24.3
Democracy	945.3160	945.3	931.9	968.5	36.58	931.6	967.8	36.23	596.6	600.5	3.9
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363.0000	363.0	339.6	339.7	0.05	332.5	335.5	3.02	171.0	173.8	2.8
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.7143	333.7	276.9	276.9	0.02	245.7	245.7	0.00	149.8	149.9	0.1
Health Care	786.0000	786.0	744.0	728.5	(15.48)	634.1	624.8	(9.33)	295.7	298.8	3.0
Transportation and Communications	508.5081	508.5	490.6	462.8	(27.81)	420.1	392.8	(27.26)	199.7	201.4	1.7
Water Resources and Sanitation	2146.5832	1819.1	1,794.2	1,793.6	(0.57)	1,470.5	1,472.4	1.88	555.0	568.1	13.1
Private Sector Development	840.2776	840.3	793.5	793.9	0.38	782.3	782.3	0.00	539.4	552.2	12.7
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.0000	213.0	147.5	147.6	0.03	147.5	147.6	0.03	54.0	55.2	1.2
TOTAL	18,439.0000	17863.9	17,118.1	17,111.0	(7.09)	15,060.2	15,073.5	13.32	9,361.8	9,469.9	108.1
IRRF 2 Construction			9,945.2	9,908.8	(36.44)	8,313.2	8,279.7	(33.56)	4,637.7	4,681.6	43.9
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,241.0	6,233.8	(7.23)	5,815.4	5,826.0	10.66	4,127.5	4,187.8	60.3
IRRF 2 Democracy			931.9	968.5	36.58	931.6	967.8	36.23	596.6	600.5	3.9
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2,473.3000	2473.3	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20,912.3000	20337.2	19,591.4	19,584.3	(7.09)	17,533.5	17,546.8	13.32	11,768.4	11,876.5	108.1

As of November 23, 2005

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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraqi Budget Update:

- Embassy Baghdad reported on November 21 that the Council of Ministers approved the 2006 budget with changes. The budget and the draft petroleum law are both at the Transitional National Assembly (TNA), which must approve the budget before it adjourns on November 28 to meet IMF requirements for a Stand-By Arrangement.
- Deputy PM Chalabi told Deputy Secretary of State Zoellick and Treasury Secretary Snow on November 14 and 15 that the ITG was committed to pass the 2006 budget through the TNA before it adjourns.

US Poultry Entering Iraq:

- USDA reports from US industry sources that trucks carrying frozen US poultry products were allowed to cross into northern Iraq from Turkey beginning on November 12. In October, Baghdad and Irbil authorities closed borders to all poultry products after Turkey announced an outbreak of avian influenza. Baghdad officials subsequently limited the ban to imports from countries with avian flu outbreaks.

WTO Secretariat Participation:

- The United States Trade Representative, on behalf of the US Government, submitted questions on Iraq's Foreign Trade Memorandum to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat on November 21. It is unlikely that the full set of questions from WTO member countries will be distributed to

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending November 18 closed with the following prices:
  - Basra Light at $45.52/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at $57.01/barrel
  - Kirkuk Crude at $49.13/barrel
  - Dated Brent at $56.74/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at $50.76/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

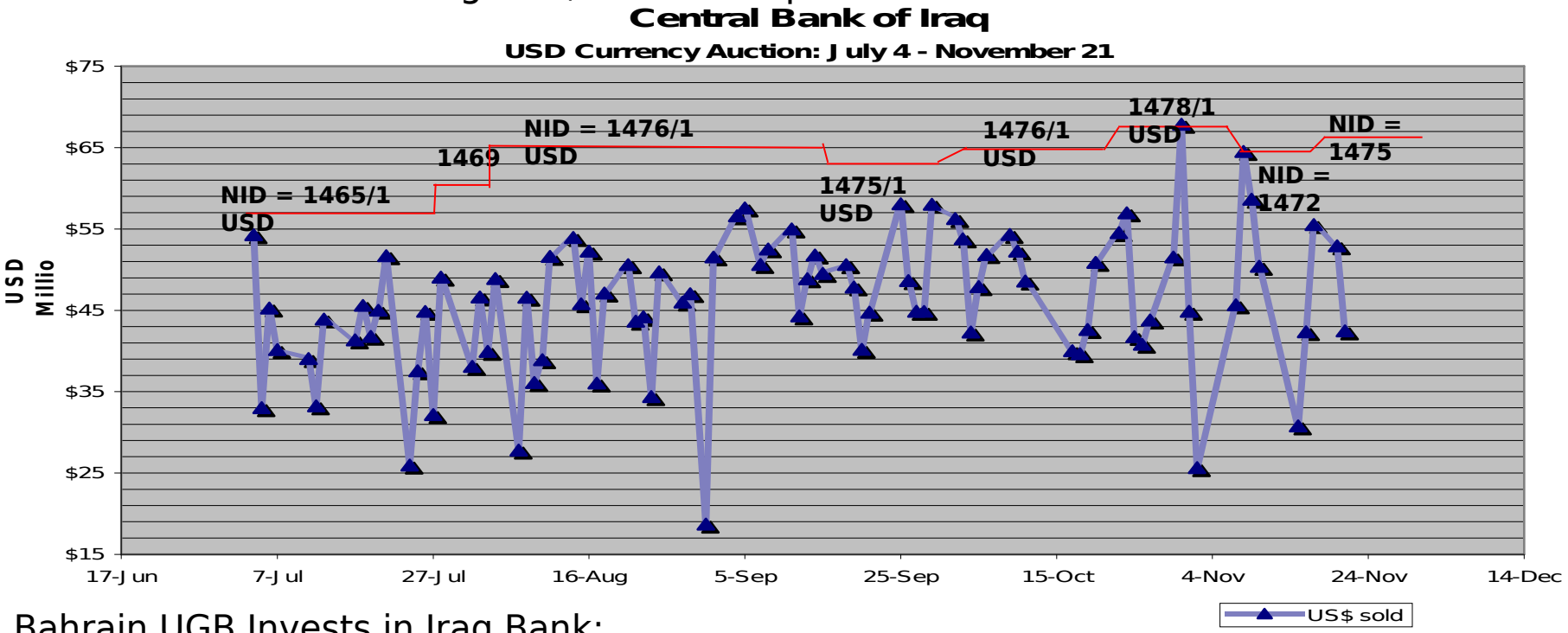
Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	29,454	29,587	0.5%
USAID	57,977	40,876	-29.5%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,327	1,327	0.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	141	368	161.0%
CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	15,056	14,997	-0.4%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,118	13,393	2.1%
GRAND TOTAL	**140,779**	**124,254**	**-11.7%**

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from July 4 through November 21. The exchange rate remained stable this week ending at 1,475 dinars per USD on November 21.



Bahrain UGB Invests in Iraq Bank:

- The United Gulf Bank (UGB) of Bahrain, has completed investment in Iraq's Bank of Baghdad in a joint venture with Iraq Holding Company, a Kuwaiti fund established by Global Investment House. The new investment increases Bank of Baghdad's capital tenfold from ID5.280 billion ($3.6 million) to ID52.973 billion ($36 million).

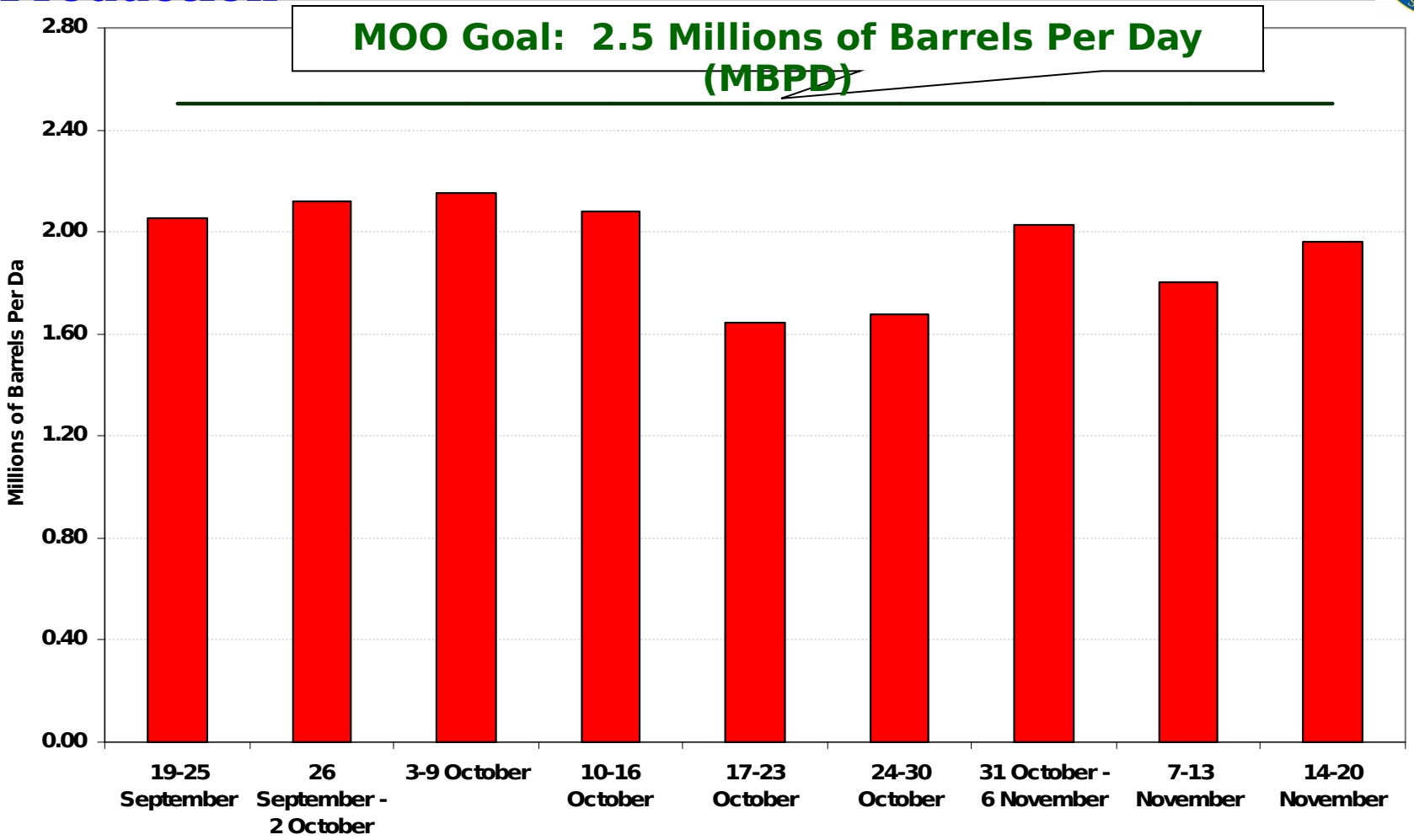
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 200 billion (about $136 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on November 22; the settlement yield was 9.6 percent with five banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the last seven auctions:

No.of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of Issue	Term of Security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total Competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Range Yields	Cut off Yield
27	8/29/2005	150.000	91	11/29/2005	4	4	158.500	148.500	100.00	7.00%-11.50%	10.50%
28	9/12/2005	200.000	91	12/13/2005	3	3	221.000	199.000	111.00	7.00%- 10.60%	9.50%
29	9/26/2005	150.000	91	12/27/2005	6	5	162.000	148.510	108.99	7.00%-10.50%	9.50%
30	10/11/2005	200.000	91	1/10/2006	5	5	220.000	199.030	110.48	7.50%- 10.50%	9.50%
31	10/24/2005	200.000	91	1/24/2006	7	7	197.000	197.000	100.00	7.00%- 10.00%	10.00%
32	11/7/2005	200.000	91	2/7/2006	6	6	209.500	197.500	106.66	8.00% - 9.60%	9.50%
33	11/21/2005	200.000	91	2/21/2006	5	5	239.000	198.010	120.49	7.00%- 10.00%	9.60%

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (November 14-20) of 1.96 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in March 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD

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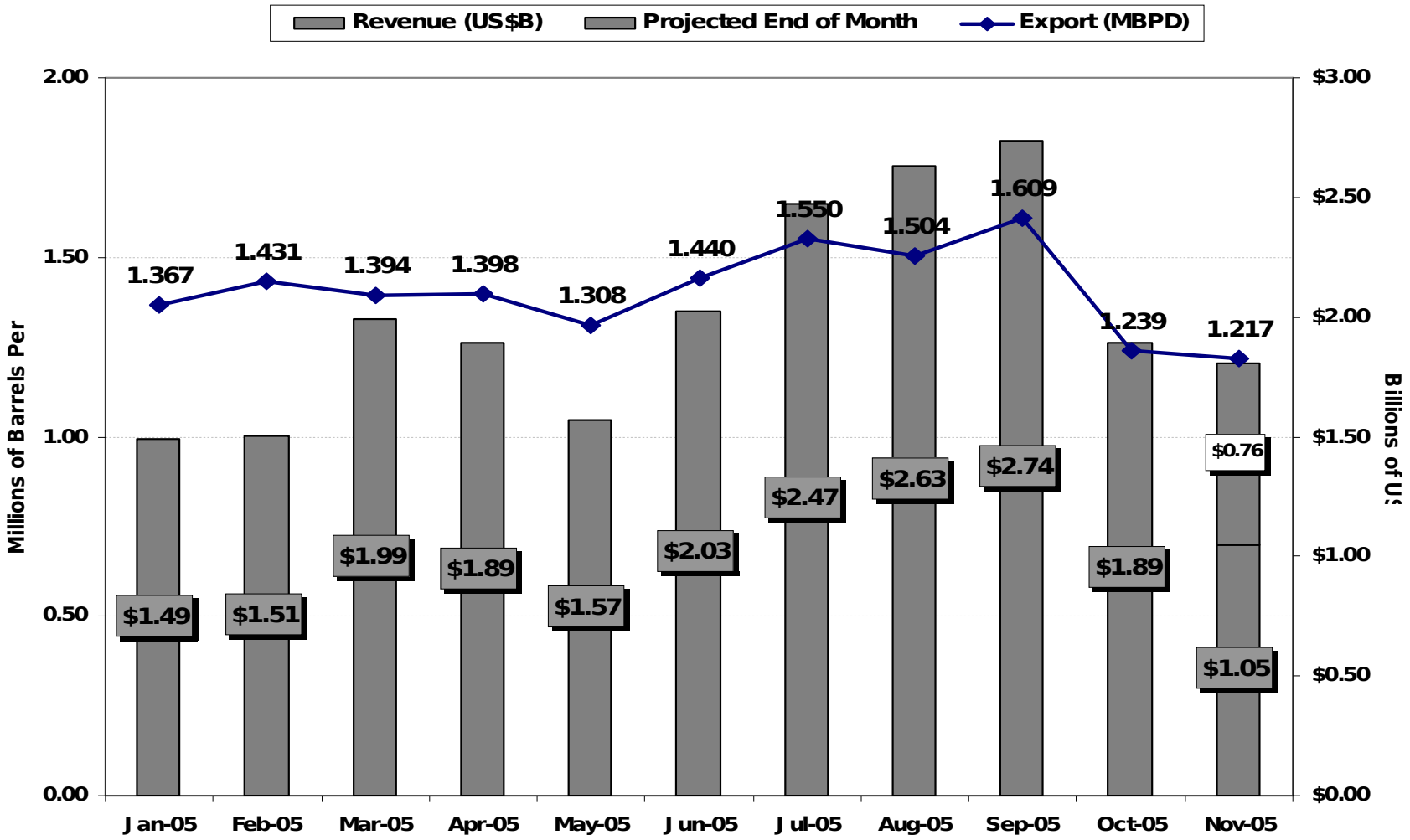
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: $5,076.6 Millions (M)
- 2004 Revenue: $17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: $21,260.4 M (2005 year-to-date)

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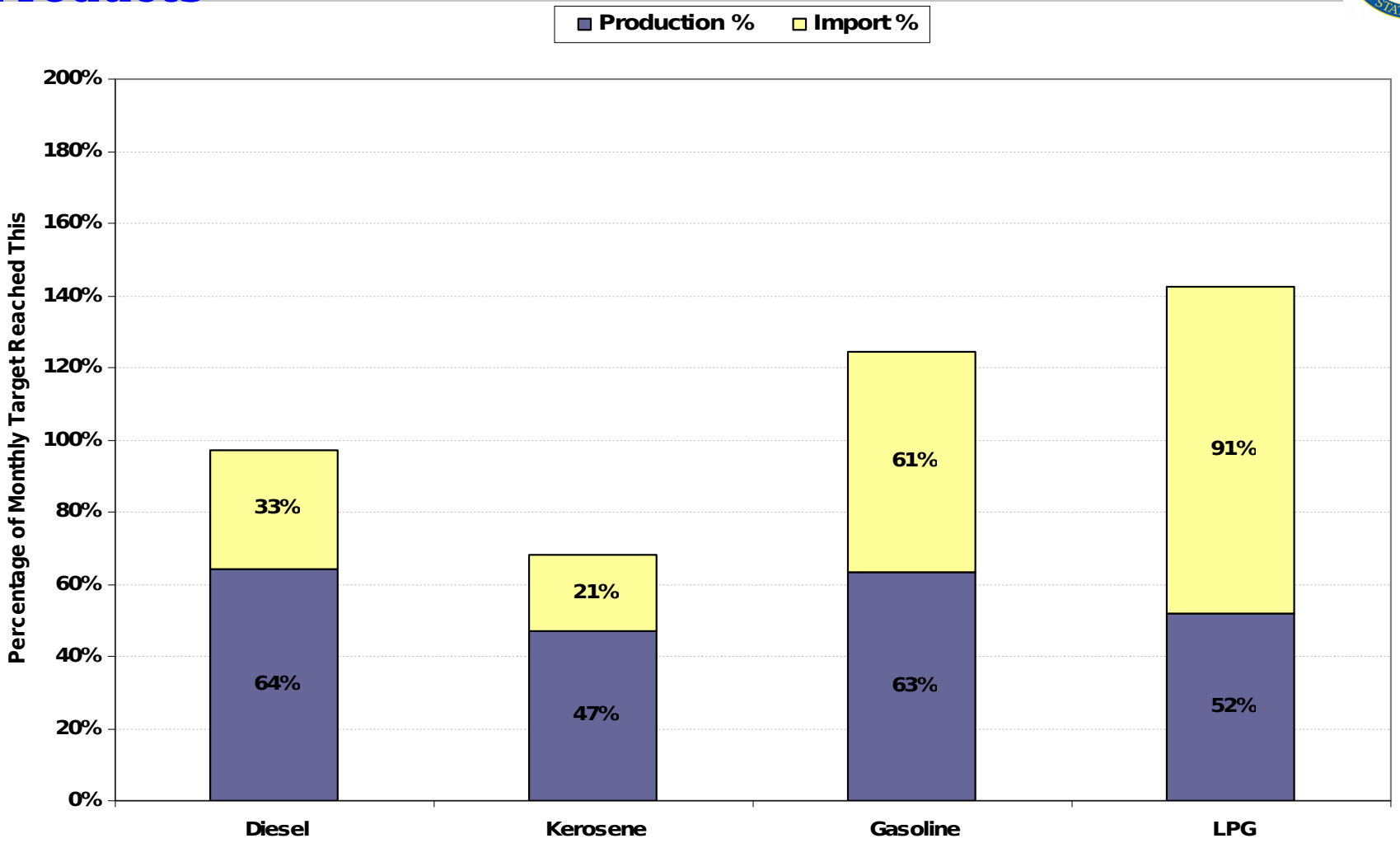
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Refined Products



Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of November 14-20

- Diesel: 17.4 ML* of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 6.3 ML of 12.8 ML
- Gasoline: 22.3 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 6,128 tons of 4,300 tons

*ML=Millions of Liters

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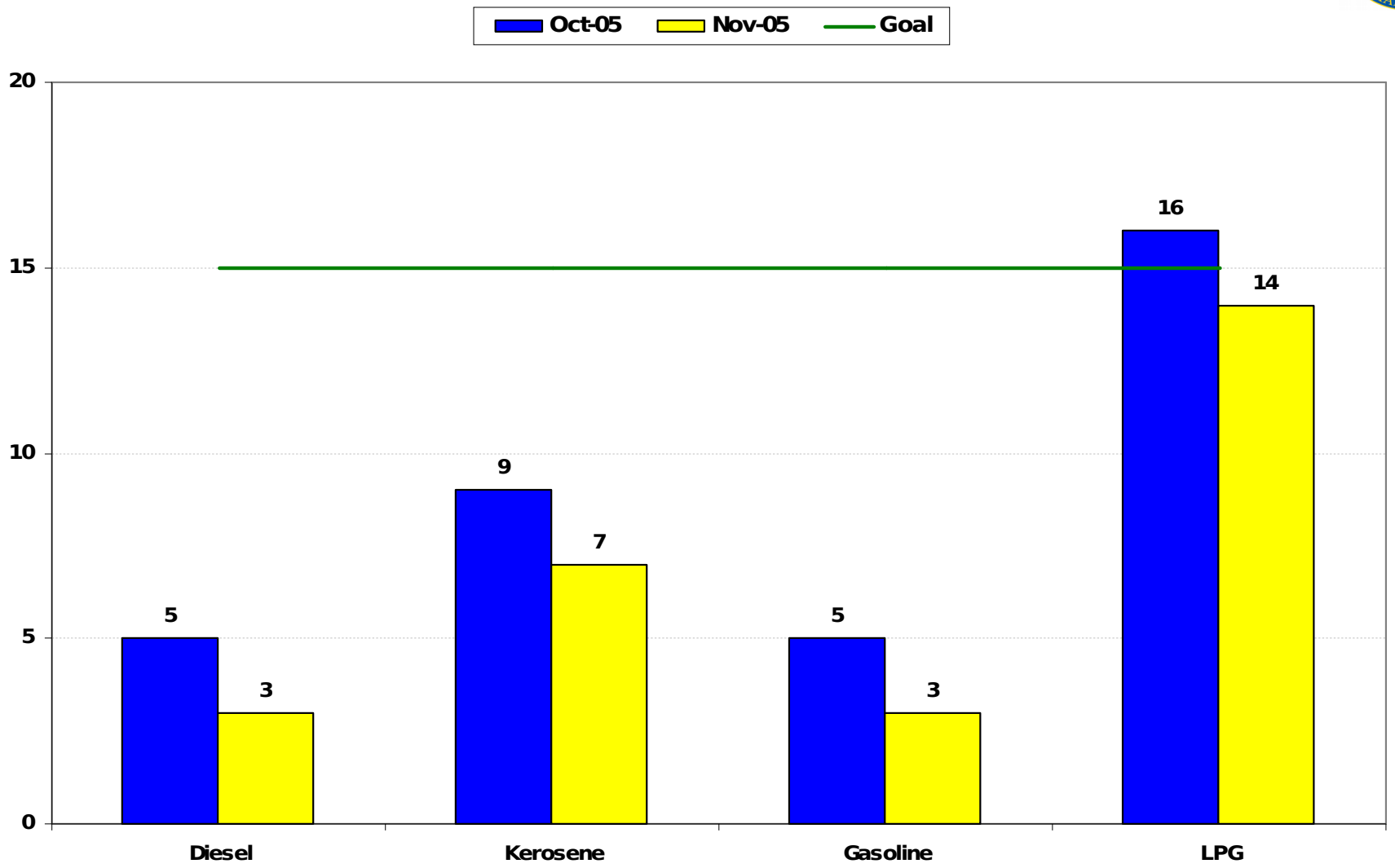
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.

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[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights – Iraqi Judicial System

Iraqi Detainee Abuse Allegations and Investigations:

- On November 17, US Embassy Baghdad released the following statement regarding the abuse of detainees at an MOI detention facility:

  "We strongly condemn mistreatment of detainees anywhere. The U.S. and the Iraqi governments are united in deploring any such practices, which are contrary to the policy of either the U.S. Government or the Iraqi Government. Detainee abuse is not and will not be tolerated by either the Iraqi Government or the Multi-National Forces in Iraq. The Iraqi Government has the lead to investigate, prosecute, and bring to justice those who may be found responsible for any abuse of detainees. As the Iraqi Prime Minister has said, we are working together to make sure that there will be no recurrence of any form of abuse in any detention facilities in Iraq. The Iraqi Government has assured us that it will take immediate action to investigate the incident and to undertake measures to ensure that no Ministry of Interior detainees would be subject to abuse anywhere in Iraq. The Prime Minister has agreed to a Six-Point Plan for Dealing with all allegations of detainee abuse and to institute means to provide accountability by Iraqi Security Forces to ensure humane treatment of all detainees. We have made clear to the Iraqi Government that there must not be militia or sectarian control or direction of Iraqi Security Forces, facilities or ministries. The U.S. will assist the Iraqi Government in every way to conduct a fair investigation."

[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

NATO Support for Iraq:

- Since October 8, 2004, when the NATO Training and Equipment Coordination Group was formed to coordinate assistance to Iraq by NATO countries on a bilateral basis, NATO has delivered 77 T-72 tanks, 36 BMP armored personnel carriers, 26,000 light weapons, 200 rocket propelled guns, 10,000 helmets and more than 9.3 million rounds of ammunition to Iraq for use by the Iraqi Security Forces.

Visit to Japan by Iraq Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- The Government of Japan announced that Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Mahmoud Zebari will visit Japan from November 23-26. During his stay, Zebari will pay a courtesy call on Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan. He will also have talks with Taro Aso, Minister for Foreign Affairs to exchange views on issues such as Japan's reconstruction assistance to Iraq, the relationship between Japan and Iraq, and the political and economic situation in Iraq.

[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

UN in Cairo Stresses the Need to Eradicate Violence from Iraq's Political Discourse:

- At the preparatory meeting of the Iraqi National Accord conference held under the auspices of the Arab League in Cairo, November 19-21, a statement from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan was read out by his Special Representative, Ashraf Qazi. Speaking in Arabic, Mr. Qazi emphasized the importance of national dialogue among all parties as the basis for a democratic, united and stable Iraq. He welcomed the Arab League's initiative in bringing together a wide range of Iraqi leaders to share their perspectives and drew attention to the need to eradicate violence from Iraq's political discourse; condemning attacks on civilians and calling upon all Iraqis to promote respect for human rights.

Update on Australian Engagement with Iraq:

- On November 18, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer raised the prospect of Australian participation in new provincial reconstruction teams in Iraq. Additionally, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, speaking in South Korea, refused to rule out a new

[7.] Increase Int'l Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of November 10, 2005

28 Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I) Contributors (in addition to US)

- Albania
- Armenia
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- El Salvador
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Italy
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- South Korea
- Ukraine
- UK

TOTAL ~ 23,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

29 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

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[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – Developments

DCM Satterfield Takes Part in Online Interactive Forum:

- The Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Baghdad, David Satterfield, took part in an online interactive forum, “Ask the White House”, on November 18. Satterfield said the US priority in Iraq is to strengthen the capacity of the Iraq government at the national and provincial levels to provide for the basic needs of its citizens.
  - "We are undertaking an intensive effort to provide additional technical assistance to the national government and support each of the provincial governments in fulfilling their responsibilities to their citizens in a democratic system. This is part of the strategy to support a rapid transition to Iraqi self-reliance.”
  - Satterfield said that US projects account for roughly half of Iraq's electricity output, provide water to serve approximately 2.3 million people and have rehabilitated about 75 percent of Iraq's current oil production capability. The deputy chief of mission said the United States has been involved in training more than 36,000 teachers, providing seven million textbooks and renovating more than 700 schools.

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- This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.

- Please forward all questions and/or comments to NEA-I-IPOG-DL@state.gov

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- POC Tom Gramaglia, (202) 736-4065
- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. Currently supplies are not much improved over last year when judged by hours of power, but this is due in part to an influx of new appliances. This has dramatically altered demand and diluted the effect of increased generation capacity on actual results.

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- Information regarding the NID auction was gathered from the Central Bank of Iraq's website: http://www.cbiraq.org.
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- POC Matthew Amitrano, (202) 647-5690
- NOTE: Production dropped in the south due to tankers unable to dock at the oil terminals due to bad weather and southern storage facilities are at full capacity. With no where to send the crude, field managers have lessened output. As of Monday, the weather cleared and the situation should return to normal in a matter of days.
- Iraq Petroleum Sector Facts
- There are three main refineries in Iraq: Bayji (North), Daura (Baghdad), and Basra (South).
- There are several minor refineries (known as topping plants) dotted through the country: Kisik (Mosul), Qarrayah, Haditha, Tikrit, Nassiriyah, Maysan (Amarah), and Samawah. These primarily produce asphalt and low grade kerosene and diesel.
- The majority of Iraq's oil infrastructure is antiquated and in need of modernization.
- Domestically produced refined products (gasoline/benzene, diesel, kerosene, LPG) currently do not meet domestic demand because of sabotage to the pipeline infrastructure. Iraq will be dependent upon imports until the insurgents cease operations against oil pipelines.

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- For the 2004 revenue, this already deducts the 5% war reparations to Kuwait. If included in revenue, the total would be $17.5B.
- June 2005 increased once Northern Export data was processed into the calculation.
- Al-Faw Terminals: Al-Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khor al-Amaya Oil Terminal (KAOT)
  - Production and export are at normal rates.
- Iraq-Turkey Pipeline (IT)
  - The IT line works intermittently since the Iraqis sell the crude oil in lumps.
- Iraq-Syria-Lebanon Pipeline (ISLP)
  - This line has been closed since 2003.
  - Discussions were held between Iraqi and Syrian government officials, but no timetable has been set up to reopen this line.
  - In the meantime, Iraq has set up a barter arrangement in which it exports 14KBPD from the Ayn Zalah field to Syria for refined products and electrical production. This ended in August 2004.
- Iraq Pipeline through Saudi Arabia (IPSA)
  - This line has been closed since 1991. There are no plans to reopen this line.

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- Note: Data missing from Sept 2-4. This graph will be updated when the data arrives.
- Goals set by the State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO), a company owned by the Ministry of Oil (MOO).

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- Note: Data missing from Sept 2-4. This graph will be updated when the data arrives.

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